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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"Sir, I wish to know whether there are no projects in the Bellary district which are pending consideration."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—"I think, Sir, there are some. I cannot enumerate them now."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"Will the Government then supply that omission in the answer as the question relates to the Ceded districts among which surely Bellary is one?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—"As regards the second supplementary question, the answer to (b) furnishes the information."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"There is no mention of the Bellary district in the appendix to part (b) of the question."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—"They are the only schemes relating to the Ceded districts. If the hon. Member wants any information regarding the Bellary district particularly, it is open to him to send a fresh question."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I say, Sir, that the hon. the Revenue Member gave me to understand in his first reply that there were some schemes relating to the district of Bellary which were under consideration. I wanted that these schemes should be mentioned because the answer is required by the question."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—"The first part of the question relates to the schemes in the Presidency."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"I asked : were there any schemes in the Bellary district and the reply was that there were."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—"I am sorry that I did not hear the hon. Member."

Rao Bahadur C. VENKATA RANGA REDDI :—"Is there any prospect of these projects being taken up early?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—"Yes, if finances are provided."

Tokapalli irrigation project—Kurnool district.

735 Q.—**Mr. K. SARABHA REDDI :** Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Tokapalli project in the Kurnool district has been under the consideration of the Chief Engineer to the Government; and

(b) the total cost of the estimate and the whole ayacut under the project?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The estimated cost of the scheme is about Rs. 17 lakhs and the ayacut proposed is 4,600 acres.

President of the Anantapur District Board.

736 Q.—**Mr. P. SIVA RAO :** Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the President of the Anantapur District Board was absent from British India for about six months on a deputation

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to British Guiana and thus failed to attend the meetings of the District Board for three consecutive months and for that reason ceased to hold his membership and the consequent presidentship under section 56 of the Madras Local Boards Act ; if so, whether he has been restored to office as provided under clause 4 of the same section ; and

(b) whether the President of the District Board, Anantapur, has made the oath or affirmation of allegiance to the Crown as prescribed by the Madras Act No. II of 1922 within three months from the commencement of the Act ; if not, whether the Government propose to have his seat declared vacant ?

A.—(a) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai Avargal, President, District Board, Anantapur, ceased to be a member and President of that Board by his absence from its meetings for more than three consecutive months. He has since been re-appointed member and President of that Board, as his restoration to office by the District Board under section 56 (4) was not valid.

(b) As M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur Kesava Pillai was re-appointed in December last this question does not arise.

APPENDIX A.

[Vide answer to question No. 734 asked by Mr. K. Sarabha Reddi at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 31st January 1923, page 1418 supra.]

Projects relating to the Ceded Districts which were pending consideration from 1918 onwards.

Kurnool district.

Name of project.	Remarks.
Velgode reservoir and Kurnool-Cuddapah canal improvements.	The estimate is under the consideration of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
Tippayapalaiyam reservoir	Do.
Thokkapalle reservoir	Do.
Duvvaleru anicut	The scheme is being investigated in detail.
Gazuladinna reservoir	The project is kept in abeyance pending the results of the Venkatapuram project.
Gudempad reservoir	Do.
Krishnapuram tank	Do.
Owk reservoir	The question of the supplies available has to be considered after the requirements of the Velgode project and Kurnool-Cuddapah canal extensions are met.